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Conrad Fink, Vice-President  
and Assistant General Manager  
The Associated Press  
50 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, N. Y. 10020

Dear Mr. Fink:

We asked Doug Amaron, General Superintendent of The Canadian Press, about a subscription to his news service. He told us that The Associated Press is the sole agent for distribution of that agency's material outside Canada.

As you know, FBIS monitors foreign radio stations, press agencies, and publications on behalf of the U.S. government. It subscribes to various agencies, including AP, and would like to buy the news files of additional ones. From the material which it monitors, FBIS selects and reports the news objectively--in a 24-hour wire service for U.S. government components and in a Daily Report published the next day for the government and the general public. Of the 5,700 copies of the Daily Report published daily, less than 700 are sold to the public.


We would like to obtain a full file of news about Canada and of world news reported by CP's own correspondents. Our principal interest is political, economic, and military news and we believe CP reports most effectively on Canada, the Caribbean area, and Latin America.

We would prefer to receive CP's output on a teletype circuit terminating at our headquarters in Rosslyn, Arlington County, Virginia but are willing to discuss other possible arrangements.

Before making a final decision we need to know the costs involved and would like to review a sample of what we would be getting. Teletype copies of a few days' output from CP would be sufficient.

We usually obtain subscriptions which extend to the end of the current government fiscal year with options for annual renewals.

Sincerely,

  
Chief, Liaison & Requirements Staff

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